

## **Program C: Education**

Program Authorization: R.S. 29:721-736

### **Program Description**

The mission of the Education Program in the Department of Military Affairs is to provide alternative education opportunities for selected youth through the Youth Challenge (Camp Beauregard, the Gillis W. Long Center, and the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant in Minden), Job Challenge (Gillis W. Long Center), and Starbase (Jackson Barracks) Programs.

The goal of the Education Youth Challenge Program in the Department of Military Affairs is to support local community needed by providing alternative educational opportunities.

The Military Department Youth Challenge Program is a 17-month program offering at-risk adolescents an opportunity to change their future. The initial program consists of a 5-month residential phase when the students learn self-discipline, leadership and responsibility while working to complete a high school equivalency diploma (GED). Participants live and work in a controlled military environment, which encourages teamwork and personal growth. A second 12-month phase consists of helping to enroll students in continued education, a technical school program, or an entry-level job. The student works with the guidance of a trained mentor during the post-residential phase.

Male and female dropouts, ages 16-18, are eligible to apply. Qualified applicants must be a resident of Louisiana, be unemployed, drug free, not involved with the legal system, and most importantly, have a desire to complete the rigorous training program. It is a voluntary program. The Youth Challenge Program curriculum combines classroom work, community service, physical training and challenging individual and team activities into one unique experience. The core of the program consists of 200 hours of academic classroom instruction. Other major blocks of instruction include a 10-part life skills program that consists of health and drug abuse awareness, leadership and discipline, personal development, physical fitness and basic job readiness skills. In addition, students gain computer and word processing skills. Participation in community service projects also encourages personal growth and development.

The five-month residential phase is held at one of three Military Department sites: Camp Beauregard, Pineville; Gillis W. Long Center, Carville; or the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant, Minden.

Participants live in military barracks and have access to a variety of classrooms, training resources and athletic fields. Corps members are supervised at all times and must remain on post unless participating in an authorized off-post activity. All personal needs, such as meals, bedding and uniforms are provided at no cost to the participants.

The Youth Challenge program is run by trained Louisiana National Guard personnel assisted by educators certified by the Louisiana Department of Education. One qualified adult counselor is assigned to an appropriate ratio of students, and classroom size is limited to ensure maximum personal attention for each student. Additional National Guard support staff include certified physical fitness trainers, medical personnel and administrative staff. Upon completion of the residential phase, a trained and matched mentor from the community assists students in post-graduate development.

There is no cost to participants or their families for this program. Participants are paid a small weekly allowance to offset person expenses and to provide practical skills in money management.

The Military Department has also started the Starbase program. This program offers at-risk New Orleans fifth grade school students a five week, one day a week, training course at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans. This course is designed to improve the students' knowledge in selected areas of math, science, and technology through hands-on activities and site tours of aviation and space facilities.

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## RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$10,030,076	\$7,549,461	\$7,549,461	\$7,830,000	\$7,256,817	(\$292,644)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	651,480	655,834	655,834	686,492	644,095	(11,739)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	889,143	503,119	503,119	530,113	481,956	(21,163)
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	7,592,037	6,732,571	7,096,613	6,947,252	6,391,006	(705,607)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<b>\$19,162,736</b>	<b>\$15,440,985</b>	<b>\$15,805,027</b>	<b>\$15,993,857</b>	<b>\$14,773,874</b>	<b>(\$1,031,153)</b>
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$7,599,870	\$7,501,141	\$7,501,141	\$7,673,572	\$7,096,470	(\$404,671)
Other Compensation	965,015	458,800	458,800	458,800	458,800	0
Related Benefits	1,561,213	1,371,639	1,371,639	1,708,885	1,361,338	(10,301)
Total Operating Expenses	6,875,890	4,928,148	4,942,648	4,893,720	4,675,881	(266,767)
Professional Services	68,084	81,826	81,826	83,863	81,826	0
Total Other Charges	1,231,361	1,004,515	1,195,668	860,517	1,003,626	(192,042)
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	861,303	94,916	253,305	314,500	95,933	(157,372)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	<b>\$19,162,736</b>	<b>\$15,440,985</b>	<b>\$15,805,027</b>	<b>\$15,993,857</b>	<b>\$14,773,874</b>	<b>(\$1,031,153)</b>
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclassified	360	291	291	291	282	(9)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>(9)</b>

## **SOURCE OF FUNDING**

This program is funded with State General Fund, Interagency Transfers, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, and Federal Funds. The Interagency Transfers are from the Department of Social Services. The Fees and Self-generated Revenues are from income from various buildings. The Federal Funds are derived from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
<b>\$7,549,461</b>	<b>\$15,440,985</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003</b>
			<b>BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:</b>
\$0	\$364,042	0	Carryforward of Federal Funds authority for the stipend payments to the graduates of the Youth Challenge Program
<b>\$7,549,461</b>	<b>\$15,805,027</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002</b>
\$32,883	\$95,933	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$121,586)	(\$253,305)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$364,042)	0	Non-Recurring Carry Forwards
\$18,721	\$42,548	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$109,899)	(\$249,773)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$150,783)	(\$299,766)	(9)	Personnel Reductions
\$38,020	\$75,176	0	Group Insurance Adjustment
\$0	(\$77,924)	0	Other Non-Recurring Adjustments - Group Benefits premium adjustment
<b>\$7,256,817</b>	<b>\$14,773,874</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>\$7,256,817</b>	<b>\$14,773,874</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004</b>
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE</b>
<b>\$7,256,817</b>	<b>\$14,773,874</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

\$81,826 Medical and dental services provided to cadets in the Youth Challenge Program

**\$81,826 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**OTHER CHARGES**

\$846,126 Youth Challenge Program cadet stipend expense as authorized by the cooperative agreement with the federal National Guard Bureau.

**\$846,126 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**

**Interagency Transfers:**

\$157,500 Office of Risk Management

**\$157,500 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS**

**\$1,003,626 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**

## **ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS**

\$95,933 Various major repair projects at the Youth Challenge sites in Gillis Long, Camp Beauregard, and Minden

**\$95,933 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS**